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**PATENT APPLICATION**

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant(s):	Douglas J. Menkedick et al.	}	Attorney Docket No. 8266-0880
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Title:	HOSPITAL BED	}	Examiner: Robert G. Santos
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**RESPONSE TO 08/14/2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.